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Docket No.: 043888-0100

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 T. Kawamura : Confirmation Number: 7033
 Application No.: 09/820,854 : Group Art Unit: 1743
 Filed: March 30, 2001 : Examiner: Brian Gordon

For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING AMOUNT OF SAMPLE SOLUTION, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTION IN APPARATUS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL CHARACTERISTIC

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	27	24	3	\$50.00 =	\$150.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$150.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$150.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 13, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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